

FOUGHT WITH A BULLDOG

WOMAN ATTACKED BY HER HUSBAND'S DOG AND INJURED.

She Was Bitten Several Times in Her Attempt to Drive the Dog Off—She Was Overpowered and Thrown to the Ground—Passerby Attracted to the Scene and Helped the Woman to the House.

At about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Samuel Morris was attacked by a ferocious bulldog belonging to her husband, who is superintendent of the clasp department at Mayer, Strouse & Co.'s corset factory, and was terribly bitten. It seems that a chicken belonging to a neighbor, Mrs. Spencer, had flown over into Mrs. Morris' yard and the dog had caught it. Mrs. Morris ran out to get the chicken away from him. She had taken it away and handed it to Mrs. Spencer, who stood on the other side of the fence, when the dog flew at her. She fought him off as best she could, being bitten several times in the attempt. Finally, becoming exhausted, she leaned against the fence. Again the ferocious brute came at her and this time she was so weakened that he overpowered her and threw her to the ground. He then bit into her right hand near the wrist and began to chew it while Mrs. Morris, with great presence of mind endeavored to choke him and push him away, but her efforts were futile. By this time several passersby attracted by the encounter and Mrs. Spencer, who had gotten around the fence, came to her assistance, but were only able to make the dog let go after choking him nearly to death. The nearly fainting woman was taken into the house and Dr. Elliot was summoned. He cauterized and dressed the lady's injuries and last evening she was resting quietly, although greatly unhand by the terrible struggle. Her hand was terribly lacerated and both arms and limbs were badly bitten, as was also the chest and various other parts of her body. Dr. Elliot stated that it was one of the worst cases of the kind he ever saw. No bones in the hands were broken. Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. Sharpe, of 230 Wooster street, is at present nursing her.

Herr Dowe is Dead.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Herr Dowe, the inventor of what he claimed to be a bullet-proof coat, died to-day.

Was Severely Burned.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 9.—Rev. J. O. Knowles, presiding elder of the First Methodist church, was severely burned this afternoon about the face and hands while assisting an invalid woman from a burning building.

Fire in Waterbury.

Waterbury, Dec. 10.—The large three-story brick building at No. 43 Jefferson street, owned by F. N. Perry and occupied principally by the Waterbury Steam Carpet Beating company, was partially destroyed by fire at 12:30 this morning, together with a barn connected with the main building.

Court Postponed Action.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—In the United States district court to-day, before Judge Grosscup, the motion made on behalf of John A. Henley of the Santa Fe road and Isaac Thompson, a shipper of Kansas City, to dismiss the indictments found against them in October, 1894, for violations of the interstate commerce law, was called up. These are known as the Santa Fe cases and also involve Joseph W. Reinhart of that company and Nelson Morris, the packer. In the absence of District Attorney Black from the city the court postponed hearing of the motion until his return.

American Purify Alliance.

Boston, Dec. 9.—A conference under the auspices of the American Purify Alliance, similar to the one recently held in Baltimore, began in Y. M. C. A. hall this evening and will continue to-morrow. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, after which the opening address was delivered by Aaron M. Powell, president of the alliance. Addresses were also made by Right Rev. William Lawrence, D. D., and Arthur W. Sawyer, president of the Boston Y. M. C. A. Rev. W. T. Sabin read a paper on "Social Vice and National Decay." A paper entitled "Moral Equality Between the Sexes" was next presented by Julia Ward Howe. The last speaker was William Lloyd Garrison.

Ryan Issues a Challenge.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The Journal this afternoon says Tommy Ryan challenges any middleweight in the world, Bob Fitzsimmons excepted, to a fight at 154 pounds and if Fitzsimmons relinquishes his claim to the middleweight championship or heavyweight honors Ryan claims the middleweight championship and is prepared to defend it. Ryan says that his stripped fighting weight is 158 pounds and that he is well in the class.

Change in Their Plans.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The letter of Senator Cameron announcing his retirement from the senate in 1897 has made a change in the plans of the silver men. Senator Cameron had been agreed upon as the silver candidate for the vacancy in the committee on finance. It would be useless to place him on that committee and the senator has suggested that some one else be agreed upon. It is understood Mr. Wolcott of Colorado will be given the place.

PLAN OF THE READING.

It is Understood That It Will Soon Be Given Out.

New York, Dec. 9.—It is understood that the Reading plan to be given out next week has been modified only as to the distribution of new second preferred and common stock. The plan, it is said, so far as assessments and distribution of new securities are concerned is as follows:

Income pay 20 per cent. and get 20 per cent. in new first preferred stock, 100 per cent. in new second and no common stock; second incomes pay 20 per cent. and get 65 per cent. in second preferred and 55 per cent. in common stock; third incomes pay 20 per cent. and get 35 per cent. in second preferred and 55 in common stock.

Deferred incomes pay 4 per cent. and get 20 per cent. in new common stock and present common stock pays 20 per cent. and gets 100 per cent. in new common stock. This indicates an issue of about \$71,000,000 of new common stock.

INTERESTING FACTS

Presented in the Report of Superintendent White of Mail Service.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Joseph E. White, superintendent of the railway mail service has just concluded his report. He presents an interesting array of facts and figures in relation to the letters which are carried by Uncle Sam. Not the least important portion of Superintendent White's report is that which relates to the safe lighting of railway mail cars. For several years the postoffice authorities have pleaded with congress to adopt a measure forbidding the use of coal oil or similar fluid in lighting the cars in which the mails are carried.

In report after report the various superintendents of the railway mail service have called attention to the immense losses caused the government by reason of mail cars and their contents being burned, either by the explosion or overturning of kerosene oil lamps when accidents happen. Almost every week, in one part of the country or another, such casualties occur and, as the report mentioned fully shows, the greater number of fires arising from railroad accidents were caused by the lamps, with which the cars were lighted, and only in very rare instances by the fire from the engines.

In his report Superintendent White again makes vigorous demand for legislation that will effectually prevent the recurrence of such disasters which involve such tremendous losses. He says very justly the leading bankers, manufacturers, merchants and prominent citizens of this country are very strongly in favor of greater care in the transmission of the mails because of the immense loss and trouble caused by their destruction in railway wrecks, when thousands of checks and drafts are destroyed, often taking years to trace up and replace. Furthermore, the average citizen who, after all, pays the freight has a very decided interest in the matter, from the fact that letters and mementos are often lost which can never be replaced.

Every business firm in the United States is vitally interested in this question, because, apart from financial considerations, important communications and orders are lost, which cannot be duplicated and frequently can never be replaced. The leading papers of the country, in view of the recent terrible railway wrecks and consequent loss of life, are strongly advocating the use of the best and most modern appliances by all the railroad companies of the country, because while speed is a desideratum, safety is still greater.

THE RIDGEFIELD FIRE.

Estimate of the Individual Losses—Total Loss \$120,000, Only Half Covered by Insurance.

Ridgefield, Dec. 9.—To-day the people of Ridgefield have been busily engaged in estimating the losses caused by the conflagration of last night, and entertaining several hundred visitors, who came by train from all points to visit the scene. The following table of the losses is the collection of estimates made by the losers: Gage's block loss, \$5,000; personal loss to G. S. Gage on his stock, \$3,000; insurance, \$4,000; Bedient & Mead, general store, loss \$8,000, insurance, \$2,000; E. S. Graves, general store, loss \$4,000, insurance, \$4,000; Scott's block, loss on block including store and contents, \$20,000, insurance, \$8,000; Hibbard & Sherwood, general store, loss \$8,000, insurance \$2,000; W. S. Gilbert, confectionery store, loss \$2,000, no insurance; tailor and barber shops, \$1,000, no insurance; Masonic hall with contents, loss \$5,000, no insurance; town hall with contents, \$15,000, insurance, \$9,000; Ridgefield Press, \$3,000, insurance \$2,500; H. P. Bissell's drug store, \$6,000, insurance \$2,000; residence of Joseph Hibbard, \$5,000, insurance, \$2,000; residence of Henry Sherman, \$5,000, insurance \$2,500; Peter McGlynn, plumbing establishment, \$5,000, insurance not stated. These losses with estimates and minor damages bring the total loss to an amount approximating \$120,000, with an insurance of less than half that amount.

So complete was the burning of the various buildings that not even the timbers remain, everything being reduced to ashes. The big fire falls especially heavily on the town and especially on the shoulders of the young business men. With one exception the business houses burned out were the property of young men who had all of their capital invested and the exception noted above was the only one of the business men who have been in business more than four years.

No One Found Guilty.

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—Coroner Arbuckle to-day rendered his verdict in the Viaduct disaster in which eighteen were killed. He finds no one guilty in the case.

ADHERE TO FORMER ACTION

ROAD COMMISSIONERS WILL NOT GIVE IN TO RAILROADS.

Corporation Counsel Ely's Opinion in Reference to Removing Snow from the Streets—The City Will Not Compromise With the Fair Haven and Westville Companies.

A special executive session of the board of public works was held last evening, at which all the members of the board and Mayor Hendrick were present. The special business of the session was the consideration of the contract with the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company for the removal of snow from the streets during the coming winter.

An opinion was read from the corporation counsel as to the rights of the city in the matter, as the railroad company had refused to enter into any agreement unless the city would make certain concessions in reference to the matter of cleaning certain streets. The opinion sets forth that under the general statutes the street railroad companies have the right to remove snow from their tracks and also that the city has the power to determine how it shall be done.

The opinion continues: Under the power given the city authorities by these statutes as well as the power given by the charter of New Haven you can direct how the snow shall be removed from the tracks and can control the use of snow plows by the street railroad companies, attach conditions to their use and even prohibit their use. The city can also prevent the depositing of snow on the sidewalks and paved gutters or in the highway on the side of the tracks if public travel is thereby obstructed or endangered.

"The street railroad companies have no right to occupy the street beyond their tracks. The city may direct the removal of snow, but cannot compel the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company to sign such a contract as proposed. As to the share of the expense, chargeable to the city, in my opinion, the city is not bound to pay any of the expense unless the snow is removed from the tracks by carting and removal by snow plows cannot be construed into a removal by carting.

"If the companies use snow plows clearly no part of the expense of their use is chargeable to the city. As they must use them in such a manner as the public travel will not be endangered they may be compelled to remove the snow thrown off to the side of the tracks, from the streets, sidewalks or paved gutters, by the plows at their sole expense, and this because, by the use of the plows if they leave the snow where the plow throws it, they have occupied the streets for purposes they had no right to and have violated the provisions of the statutes."

After the opinion had been read the members voted to adhere to their former action in the matter, which was that the city remove the snow from Water street and the railroad company from East Chapel and East Pearl streets. No other business was transacted at the meeting.

GRANTED AN INJUNCTION.

Judge Bischoff Takes Action Against the Gas Trust.

New York, Dec. 9.—Judge Bischoff of the common pleas court granted an injunction late on Saturday restraining the Chicago Gas trust from carrying out its plan of reorganization adopted October 1. The plaintiff is William R. Whitney of this city, who is said to also represent large interests outside of New York. The defendants are given as Fred P. Olcott, Roswell P. Flower, Anthony N. Brady, Walter Ferguson, C. K. G. Billing, William J. Campbell and the Central Trust company of New York. In regard to the action counsel for the plaintiff state that parties owing very large amounts of stock believe that the present plan is illegal and cannot be carried out without resulting disastrously to stockholders. They also assert that they believe they have a plan for preserving their interests which is legal, but does not consolidate all the companies in the trust. Still it is said to be in perfect harmony with the laws of Illinois and to preserve all the properties.

The order sets forth that the defendant's attorneys and all others connected with the plan of consolidation of October 1 are enjoined and restrained until the further order of the court from in any way, directly or indirectly, proceeding to carry out the terms of said agreement. Further, the defendants are ordered to appear before Judge Bischoff or one of the justices at the special term to be held December 13, or as soon after as counsel can be heard, and show cause why the plaintiff should not have such other and further relief in the proceedings as may be deemed just and equitable, sufficient cause appearing therefor.

One Life Lost.

Rutherford, N. J., Dec. 9.—At least one life was lost at last night's fire, the body of Charles Vorwald having been found in the ruins, and it is believed there are three others still under the debris. The missing persons are members of a German family who lived on the top floor of the McManus building, which was burned. One member of the volunteer fire force was struck by a falling beam and had two ribs badly fractured.

Small Pox Epidemic.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—Special dispatches to the Press say that the small-pox epidemic has again broken out along the Ohio river. There are now fourteen cases at Bridgeport and four at Martin's Ferry. The epidemic was caused by the public funeral of a man who died from the disease.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Professor and Mrs. Horatio W. Parker will give a musicale at the home of Professor and Mrs. Seymour on Hillhouse avenue to-morrow evening.

Dr. James A. Moore, who has been at the hospital for the last three weeks, ill with typhoid fever, from which he had a very dangerous relapse Saturday, was reported by the hospital authorities as being slightly better yesterday.

There was to have been a hearing yesterday morning before the county commissioners upon the application of Thomas M. Begley for a license to open a saloon at 529 Center street, Meriden, but the applicant withdrew.

Brown & Berger, the architects, are making plans for an addition to the old Franklin house at the corner of Greene and Franklin streets, which is owned by Lewis Somers. The addition will be a brick building one story high with dimensions 25x22 feet. It will be built with the walls heavy enough so that later other stories may be built on it.

Rev. Father John F. Lenahan, pastor of St. Francis (R. C.) church in Naugatuck, is critically ill with a complication of diseases. He has been unable to attend to his duties for three weeks. Saturday night Dr. Bacon of this city visited him and it is said pronounced his case hopeless. Yesterday morning Bishop Tierney spent the day with the sick priest. Father Lenahan has been pastor of St. Francis church for about two years.

Miss Carrie Gay, daughter of John Gay, one of the Hotel Majestic proprietors, is visiting Miss Irene Jacob of Brooklyn. Her sister, Miss Mabel Gay, will spend the holidays with friends in Philadelphia.

Arthur M. Beebe has withdrawn as a candidate for sealer of weights and measures in favor of Louis T. Davis. The candidate for president on the democratic side of the board of councilmen is Councilman Moss Gompertz.

The Mary Clap Wooster chapter, D.A.R., will hold its December meeting at the Fort Hadron army next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After a brief business meeting Mrs. Sara T. Kinney will give an interesting talk on Connecticut and D. A. R. days at Atlanta.

The High School Athletic association held a meeting in Room 19 of the school yesterday, after school. Mr. Gray, '96, the president of the Connecticut interscholastic association, stated that there was a surplus of about \$1,000 from the season of 1895, with a few debts to be paid. It was voted at last Saturday's meeting of the league to give \$75 to each of the eight schools in the league.

Whether the city is required to lay all the permanent pavements under the street pavement act? Have the abutting property owners or street railway companies the right to pave in front of their property or between the tracks? Can the city grant permits to open the street then refill the trench and repair the street at the expense of the party obtaining the permit and with the expense as a lien upon the property of the party at whose request the street has been opened? If notice is not served upon the property owner whose property is liable to a lien for improvements, so that he may be heard at each public hearing in relation thereto does the failure to serve such notice afford a defense against the payment of the assessment which eventually results from the hearing of which he was not notified?

A resolution offered by Councilman Chillingworth recalling from the board of compensation all petitions for damages in consequence of the construction of the Water street bridge, as the matter is now pending before the superior court and the laying of them on the table until such time as the court may decide the questions at issue, was adopted with but few dissenting votes.

The following were unanimously elected special constables: Charles E. Stokes, George Brown, Marion De Angelo and Eugene B. Rosenthal.

On motion of Councilman Grinnell the board then adjourned to Tuesday evening, December 17, at which time action will be taken on the estimates.

WILL CONSIDER ESTIMATES. A special meeting of the board of aldermen has been called for this evening by Mayor Hendrick at which time the estimated expenses of the city for the fiscal years commencing December 1, 1895, will be considered.

On Elizabethan Literature.

The board of managers of the New Haven University Extension center has decided upon a series of lectures, to follow the series on American literature, now being given by Dr. Burton. The new series of lectures is to be given at New Year's at the United church chapel. It is to request Dr. W. L. Phelps of Yale to give his series of six lectures on "Elizabethan Literature." It is thought probable that Dr. Phelps will accept the invitation.

BOARDING HOUSE SWINDLER.

Actively at Work in This City—His Manner of Operating.

A slick swindler is at work in this city victimizing the proprietors of boarding houses by means of bogus checks. His modus operandi is to go to a house, engage a room and tender the proprietor a check for one week's rent in advance. The amount of the check is always in excess of the amount of rent and the swindler always receives the excess in cash. Two women were victimized in this manner yesterday, each out of \$5. The swindler is well dressed, gives his name as Edward Cramer and says his brother is a student at Yale. He is of fair complexion, light hair and blue eyes, about twenty-eight years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, wears a light necktie with horseshoe pattern, dark clothes and hat and speaks with a slight German accent.

For a Better Mail Service.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Nelson has arranged for a better mail service between New York and Boston, which will be of special advantage to the latter and facilitate the mails to New York. More convenient hours for trains have been arranged over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

COUNCILMEN IN SESSION

ROUTINE MATTERS DISPOSED OF AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Sewer Ordered in Stevens Street—No Hospital for Contagious Diseases—Councilman Chillingworth's Questions—Aldermen to Consider Estimates To-night.

Thirty of the thirty-five members of the board of councilmen were present last evening at the regular December meeting of that body. President Nicoll was in the chair and the session was unusually brief, but little new business of importance being transacted. In all matters which came up from the board of aldermen concurred action was taken and in consequence it was but the work of a short time to complete the business of the evening.

The councilmen unanimously voted to concur with the board of aldermen in tabling for printing the report of the board of finance in reference to the estimated expenses and income of the city for 1896. The entire report is printed in another column of this paper.

The much discussed report of the committee on sewers recommending the construction of a sewer in Stevens street between Sylvan and Davenport avenues was taken up and the councilmen finally decided to accept the report and adopt its recommendations. Some time ago when the question first came up the argument was advanced that there was no outlet for the Stevens street sewer.

Since that time, however, an outlet has been made into the Davenport avenue sewer, hence the action of the councilmen last night. Councilman Pickett strenuously opposed the report on the ground that the sewers were now overtaxed, that a stretch of about 400 feet on the street was not sewered and that the Evergreen cemetery would be flooded with sewage. The report was finally accepted by a vote of 24 to 5.

The report of the committee on ordinances prohibiting the erection and maintenance of any private hospital for contagious diseases within the city limits was tabled for printing in concurrence with the action taken at the last meeting of the board of aldermen.

On motion of Councilman Chillingworth the report of the committee on ordinances relating to the opening of streets after permanent pavements have been laid was recommitted and the committee instructed to secure from the corporation counsel an opinion on a number of important questions relating to the subject and after receiving the opinion, formulate an ordinance governing the matter.

The questions to be decided are: Whether the city is required to lay all the permanent pavements under the street pavement act? Have the abutting property owners or street railway companies the right to pave in front of their property or between the tracks? Can the city grant permits to open the street then refill the trench and repair the street at the expense of the party obtaining the permit and with the expense as a lien upon the property of the party at whose request the street has been opened? If notice is not served upon the property owner whose property is liable to a lien for improvements, so that he may be heard at each public hearing in relation thereto does the failure to serve such notice afford a defense against the payment of the assessment which eventually results from the hearing of which he was not notified?

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THE TENTH ANNUAL BALL

To be Given by Derby Hook and Ladder Company.

The members of Dayton Hook and Ladder company will give their tenth annual ball at Central hall on Grand avenue to-morrow evening. The music will be by the Philharmonic orchestra, Professor Dunn prompter. The management is as follows: Committee of arrangements, J. H. Denton, T. Halpin, E. P. Ryan, D. Burton Brown, E. S. Ryan; floor committee, H. G. Pond, N. Abt, L. W. Keach, A. Dupins, A. Burdick; reception committee, Philip Borst, Walter Mabry, John Mettler, G. F. Perkins, Charles Cassidy, C. P. Corsa, William Meakle, E. Philbrick, C. G. Wilson.

The floor manager will be H. G. Pond. Delegates from the following places will be present: From Derby Storm Hose company and Bassett Hook and Ladder company; from Middletown, Hubbard Hose company; from Guilford, No. 2 company; from Milford, Articles No. 1; from Westville, Dickerman Hose company. All the West Haven companies will also be represented. The officers of Dayton company are: Foreman, Morgan E. Fowler; assistant foreman, J. H. Denton; secretary, E. P. Ryan; treasurer, E. S. Ryan; steward, T. J. Hanplin.

Hartford Liquor Dealers.

Hartford, Dec. 9.—The Hartford Liquor Dealers' association held a meeting to-day, at which they passed resolutions setting forth that they are not allied with any political party and will not tolerate violation of the Sunday liquor law.

A NOTABLE EVENT.

The Redemption This Afternoon and Evening—Governor and Mrs. Coffin to be Present at the Matinee—A Splendid Audience Assured—Those in the Boxes—A Gala Occasion.

The Gounod society will celebrate its tenth anniversary by grand performances of Gounod's beautiful oratorio, "The Redemption," this afternoon and evening at the Hyperion theater. The chorus will number 250 strong and will be assisted by the following eminent talent: Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, soprano, Cincinnati; Miss Gertrude May Stein, contralto, New York; Miss Lily Welch, mezzo-soprano, New York; Mr. W. H. Rieger, tenor, New York; and Dr. Carl E. Duff, basso, New York; the Boston Festival orchestra, augmented by four additional trumpeters and Signor Fabiani, court harpist to Russia and Austria; and Mr. W. H. Alling, organist, all under the direction of Mr. Emilio Agramonte.

Splendid audiences for both the afternoon and evening performances are assured. The matinee will probably be distinguished by the presence of His Excellency Governor and Mrs. Coffin and party, who will occupy one of the proscenium boxes. The governor telephoned yesterday that he was trying to arrange to come. He expected to arrive in New Haven at about one o'clock. A committee from the society will meet him and escort him to the New Haven house. The governor will be without his staff on this occasion, as he prefers to be present unofficially. He and his party expect much pleasure from the performance.

Some of those who will occupy boxes in the evening are President Dwight and party, the Rev. E. S. Lines and party, Postmaster Beach and party, Miss Trowbridge with a bevy of young ladies, Dr. Mason and others. The final rehearsal of the chorus took place last evening and was a marked success. The different numbers were sung with wonderful spirit and precision. The chorus will report at 1:45 to-day at the stage entrance to the Hyperion theater.

The matinee will begin at 2:15. General admission 50 cents. Admission in the evening 75 cents and \$1; and to top gallery 50 cents.

KILLED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

A Horse Belonging to Livestockman Crittenden Struck by a Whalley Avenue Car—The Driver and His Companion Injured—Carriage Wrecked.

As car No. 57 of the Whitney avenue line, which left the green yesterday afternoon at 4:24, was near the east corner of the Whitteville cemetery, a horse and buggy containing a man and woman was suddenly driven rapidly onto the track not more than seven or eight feet in front of the car. The motorman, Patrick Foley, at once reversed the power and put on the brakes, but could not stop the car in time and it struck the horse on the off hip and the buggy on the front wheel. The buggy was overturned and the horse was knocked down, while the man and woman were thrown to the ground between the rails, but by this time the power having been reversed the car began to move backwards and so did not strike the prostrate persons. The man was not much injured, nor was the woman, although she said her back was broken. She was taken to the house of Mrs. Quinston nearby. The motorman and conductor of the car started to find a physician and soon found Dr. Gilbert. They took him to the scene of the accident on the car and after examining the woman he pronounced her as practically uninjured, but very much intoxicated. She would not tell her name and the man with her, who said his name was Michael F. Dunn and residence 472 Chapel street, did not know her name. The motorman alleges that the man was also intoxicated. The horse, which belonged to Charles E. Crittenden, the livestockman, was killed, and the carriage was a complete wreck. The conductor of the car was John E. Tansey. The passengers who were on the car say that no blame for the accident can be attached to either motorman or conductor.

There is also a proposition to increase the number of that committee by adding Mr. Platt of Connecticut, and if this were done Mr. Platt, who is the ranking man on three important committees, would probably give way to the most important of these and give some of the new men the place. The democratic committee at its conference came to no conclusion, preferring to wait and see what the republicans did.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Bartholomew Lavine Became Despondent.

Bartholomew Lavine, who boards at 120 Chestnut street with Mrs. Enright, attempted suicide last evening at about 10 o'clock by taking laudanum and acetonite. Dr. Barlbaut was called and by the use of the stomach pump brought him around all right. Lavine works for Peck & Bishop as a teamster, but some time ago broke his leg and has been unable to work lately. From this fact he became despondent and drank considerably during the past ten days. He drank the liniment last night which he had been using on his broken leg and this liniment contained the laudanum and acetonite with which he sought to end his existence. He will recover his physician thinks.

The Sultan Backs Down.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Courier du Sol publishes a dispatch from Constantinople stating that the sultan has signed firman with certain reserves, permitting the extra guardships to enter the Bosphorus.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Edward Laurence, the wholesale coal dealer, and wife, returned yesterday from their trip south. They went directly from here to New Orleans, where they remained about a week and then went to Atlanta, where they stayed about a week viewing the Atlanta exposition. Mr. Laurence speaking of the trip yesterday, said that while in New Orleans mosquitoes were very numerous, lively and inquisitive. After leaving New Orleans and when the Crescent City was well left behind flies were numerous in the cars and at all the stations. On reaching Atlanta they found a cold wave in operation there and last Tuesday the thermometer dropped to within thirteen degrees of zero. The first snow met with this season by Mr. Laurence was also in the "sunny South." They found the ground white with snow at Alexandria, Va., on their way back. But these were only incidental matters, not sufficient to mar the trip, which as a whole was greatly enjoyed.

Franklin H. Hart left Saturday for Atlanta. After a brief stay there he will go farther south to Florida, returning to New Haven about the first of January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason Hopkin, Jr., sailed Saturday morning on the Kaiser Wilhelm for the other side, where they will spend the winter at Naples.